THE CHEAP DOLLAR IDEA CHECKED

Right of Property, Attacked by Silver Mine Owners Exposed-Fortunately for the Cause of Sound Money the Hajority of People Own Property.

Various causes have been given for the rapid decline in the free silver sen-timent, which less than a year ago seemed destined to sweep everything before it. The masterly exposition of the
fundamental principles of the currency
question by Secretary of the Treasury
Carlisle in a series of speeches has
doubtless done much to check the free
coinage idea. In the southern states an
advance of over 60 per cent in the price
of cotton destroyed the sole argument of cotton destroyed the sole argument of cheap cotton on which the silverites relied for their support by farmers and planters. Throughout the whole country the educational work of sound currency olubs and similar organizations, aided by the sound money press, has exposed the fallacies and false statements through which the agents of the silver mine owners had secured a following

for the cheap dollar scheme.

These different agencies have all con tributed to the rout of the 16 to 1 silverites, but a more potent influence than any or all of them was the recognition by the American people of the right of property and the hope of every citizen to be some day a property own-er. In the progress of the currency dis cussion it soon became evident that the free coinage agitators were really at-tacking the right to hold property, and that their arguments against the gold standard and the "creditor class" were directed against the natural right of lenders to receive back from their debtors as much property as was loaned. The Populist papers and the speeches and pamphlets of the more rabid silverites were filled with denunciations of capital, rich men and bankers so that issue between gold and silver was generally dropped for the wider question of the poorer classes against the wealthy.

Fortunately for the cause of sound money, the great majority of the people of this country own property or hope at some time in the near future to be property owners. When they were asked to support a financial policy which would enable all the debtors of the country to repudiate one-half of their obligations, thus practically taking by law half of the property of all creditors, they promptly answered "No." Those who had a little money leaned out to a bank Gr to individuals; all who held pre-miums in a life or fire insurance compamy or were in any other way creditors, saw that they could only be injured by

the adoption of 50 cent dollars.

On the other hand, those whose business was carried on by borrowed money knew that although they might be tem-porarily benefited by fluancial repudia-tion, yet when they again wished to borrow no one would lend, while all who look forward, as every American, should, to being themselves owners of property were convinced that their best interests would be served by maintaining a currency system which recognizes the rights of every man to all his pos-sessions. They argued that if the pressessions. They argued that it the prosent silverite and Populist demand for the confiscation of half of the property the confiscation of half of the property of creditors should be granted, it would not be long before there would be an-other socialist agitation for the confiscation of all property, and they therefore refused to favor a scheme which threatened to destroy all their hopes of a pros-perons future. It is for this reason above all others that schemes of repudiation and attacks on property owners never secure a permanent footing in this country.



Rockaby baby
On the tree-top;
When the wind blows
The cradle will rock;
When the bough breaks
The cradle will fall,
Down will come baby,
Cradle and all.

Pingree's New Patches. Pingree's New Patches.

Mayor Pingree recently announced that be would shortly recommend to the city council of Detroit the establishment of a permanent agricultural park. His plan is to purchase a large tract of about 100 acres and rent it out in small parcels at a nominal rate per year. The rent in 50 years, he thinks, would pay for the land. When the park was thoroughly cultivated it tould be shown to the visitors as an evisione of the worth of the mayor's original yotato scneme.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Care of the Face

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ELIZABETH CITY.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Not any of the local papers will be issued this week on acount of the collidays.

holidays.

Mr. Jesse Partridge, manager of the
North Carolina Iron Works, left yesterday to spend Christmas at his old
home in Virginia.

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for to-day and to-morrow by the
Mayor.

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Cadet Will Wood, of the Davis Military School, is here spending Christmas with his family on Church street.
Mrs. P. S. Vaughan, of Pertsmouth, formariy of this place, is visiting the family of Mr. Frank Vaughan on Church street.
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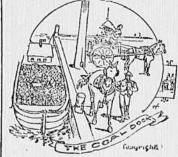
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